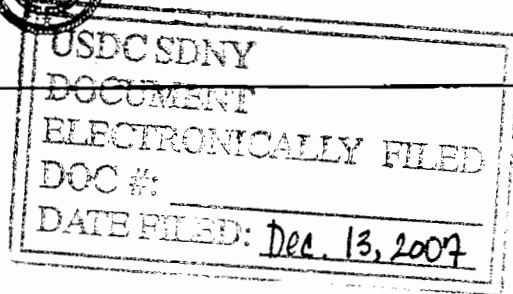


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Honorable Deborah A. Batts, Jr.
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Michelle Ramirez
07 Cr. 935 (DAB)

Dear Judge Batts:

The Government writes to respectfully request that time be excluded, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A), from Monday, November 19, 2007, through Monday, December 17, 2007, in the interests of justice pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act. A pretrial conference was previously scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2007, at 10:30 am. However, that conference has been adjourned to December 17, 2007, due to the parties' trial schedules, among other things. The Government and the defendant have been engaging in substantial plea discussions, and expect that those discussions will be complete by the new pretrial conference date of December 17, 2007. The Government therefore requests that time be excluded until then, because such an exclusion of time will enable the defendant to continue plea discussions with the Government regarding a possible disposition of this case without trial. Accordingly, excluding time will best serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

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SO ORDERED

Deborah A. Batts
DEBORAH A. BATTIS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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I have spoken with Steven Statsinger, Esq., counsel for
the defendant, who consents to this request.

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